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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was fair to slightly improved for first of the month; food service was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to close for smaller sized product, but more available for heavier weights. In the parts structure, trading was light and usually limited to regular commitments. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders and boneless skinless ample and frequently discounted. Dark meat and wings were irregular, but obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 to 76.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.75 cents last year on October 8, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	203.00
BREASTS - B/S	163.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	109.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of smaller sizes were balanced to close, and heavier weights were more than sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were at least adequate, longest for tenders. Dark meat was sufficient, and wings were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally reported as light and unaggressive. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds remained in the best balance. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was usually steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate to available, bone-in breasts were at least sufficient, and tenders were ample. Wings were also reported as adequate to available. Thigh meat was limited and at least fully steady.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryers trade sentiment was steady on lighter weight product and cautiously steady on heavier sized birds. Offerings of heavy birds plentiful, lighter weights limited. Movement into all channels varied, mostly light to fair. Retail advertisements were providing moderate to instances fairly good activity; 25% off major brands; whole birds noted at 88 cents; boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.47 and \$1.89; split breast at 99 cents; drum and thighs at \$1.19 and 78 cents; drums at 49 cents. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights were in a desirable range. Trade activity on parts was limited to as needed basis. Supplies of all items were adequate with tenderloins and breast cuts fully available. Wings and dark meat items were noted as steady, tenderloins weak and cautiously steady to weak on the balance.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were in good balance on lightweights and ample on heavy weights. Buyers' were cautious in procuring excess product as interest in Thanksgiving holiday items loomed. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Floor stocks were generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 10/02/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	199,132	195,032	+02
CHICKS PLACED	167,089	158,932	+05

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 2, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 2, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 2 2004 were 6.89 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Nov-04 is estimated at 155.7 million head. This compares to 158.6 million head the previous week and to 151.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.54 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 06, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	770	110.00-185.00	120-125	124.35	BREAST - B/S	645	110.00-135.00	120-125	122.84
TENDERLOINS	283	100.00-230.00	120-125	128.14	TENDERLOINS	213	115.00-215.00	115-120	122.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-96.00	85-87	85.68	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	78.00-94.00	87-93	87.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	29.00-50.00	31-33	33.30	LEGS	88	31.00-50.00	31-33	33.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	978	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.16	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,018	25.00-32.00	27-29	27.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	90.00-110.00	94-96	96.46	WINGS (WHOLE)	275	92.00-110.00	92-94	95.85
WINGS (CUT)	345	113.00-119.00	115-119	116.06	WINGS (CUT)	475	112.00-119.00	115-119	116.08
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.									
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 42.00		39.70			39.00-44.00		41.66		39.32
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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light with orders usually limited to regular commitments. Offerings of breast items were at least fully sufficient, with tenders weak and at competitive price levels. Dark meat cuts were irregular ranging from adequate to fully adequate, but mostly steady. Wings were sufficient to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was weak on tenderloins, fully steady to firm on B/S thighs, and barely steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **OCTOBER 05, 2004**

CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135	131.43	727,948		BREAST - B/S	135	134.88	541,701	
TENDERLOINS	135	141.52	191,780		TENDERLOINS	130	134.53	114,500	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.46	144,240		BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	83.30	231,160	
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.16	91,400		BREAST - LINE RUN	77	75.11	44,920	
LEGS	43-44	38.32	176,801		LEGS	43-44	39.14	171,081	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.26	461,165		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.70	327,488	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.39	193,400		DRUMSTICKS	29-30	35.86	102,880	
THIGHS	24-25	36.58	118,000		THIGHS	24-25	35.58	79,920	
B/S THIGHS	71-72	69.02	94,560		B/S THIGHS	73-74	69.53	50,560	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	107.90	121,560		WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	113.25	95,400	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	40,960		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.49	36,240	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.65	23,000		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.63	21,560	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	62.75	18,880		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	65.07	18,840	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,078	4,096	4,073	5,134	5.40	5.11	4,028	5.41
Arkansas	5,499	5,591	5,473	6,240	5.29	5.08	5,400	5.23
Delmarva	2,295	2,302	2,289	2,244	5.71	5.58	2,303	5.77
KY-LA-TN	1,881	1,849	1,853	1,927	5.13	4.84	2,093	5.21
Mississippi	3,109	3,103	2,944	3,611	5.61	5.36	3,032	5.58
North Car	2,518	2,546	2,457	3,229	6.52	6.53	2,408	6.52
Texas	2,516	2,484	2,698	2,479	5.36	5.09	2,521	5.25
Total	21,896	21,971	21,787	24,864	5.53	5.34	21,785	5.50
Mon-Wed	65,754(A)				65,477(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Oct-04 is estimated to be 32,759,000 head up 0.21 percent from a week ago and up 6.14 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,691,000, last year 30,865,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		73
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-106
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		175-188

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/09/04 (1)	10/02/04
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	171,763 (2)	164,024
Light hens	1,379	1,429
Heavy hens	1,521	1,501
Total	174,663	166,954

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Oct-04 is 165.1 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.1 million head or 7.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/04/04	182,984	58,076
AM 09/01/04	184,056	56,558
CHG	-1,072	1,518
PCT CHG	-1	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/04/04	09/27/04	10/06/03	10/04/04	09/27/04	10/06/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	22,242	21,691	15,636	5,483	5,604	4,734
LOS ANGELES	337	366	451	3,271	3,379	2,358

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 04, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		70-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-81

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 10/05/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.65	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.45	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	6.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	.60	.51	RABBITS ea.	1.00	6.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	60						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 1, 2004

	<u>Whole Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs & Wings</u>	<u>Livers/ Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	69.74	112.23	72.15	12.02	8.02	45.69
High	71.35	124.26	84.17	20.04	10.02	45.69
Mostly	69.74	116.24	72.15	16.03	8.02	45.69

SAN JUAN

Low	68.94	108.22	68.14	12.02	7.21	46.50
High	70.55	124.26	76.16	18.04	10.02	46.50
Mostly	69.74	112.23	72.15	14.03	8.02	46.50

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	70.14	112.23	68.14	12.02	8.02	44.89
High	71.35	124.26	76.16	22.05	10.02	44.89
Mostly	70.14	116.24	68.14	16.03	8.02	44.89

BECERRA

Low	69.74	116.24	72.15	20.04	8.02	50.10
High	70.95	128.26	88.18	28.06	16.03	50.10
Mostly	69.74	120.25	80.16	24.05	12.02	50.10

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light and unaggressive and typical of mid-week activity. Offerings were well balanced to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Breast items were available, particularly boneless/skinless and tenders which were competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest. Wings were ample and slow to clear. Leg cuts were adequate to ample with boneless/skinless thighs in the closer balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	56-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.51
NO. OF BOXES	8,457

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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